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Governor Napolitano Announces \$9.5 Million Loan for Lake Havasu City Sewer Expansion

LAKE HAVASU CITY (Apr. 2, 2004) Governor Janet Napolitano today announced a \$9.5 million WIFA loan with the City of Lake Havasu for the city's centralized sewer.

The loan, provided by the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA), represents the second year of funding for the city's \$463 million sewer project.

"I am pleased to acknowledge the substantial progress Lake Havasu City has made to implement a centralized sewer system," Napolitano said. "This progress helps to safeguard and enhance Arizona's precious water resources along the Colorado River."

The \$9.5 million loan will be used to complete construction of the Kiowa West project and connect more than 475 properties to the sewer system with gravity sewer mains, manholes and pump stations.

Funds will also be used for design work on the North Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, scheduled for construction next year.

"The city has demonstrated remarkable efficiency with the project funds – totaling \$32 million to date," said Stephen A. Owens, WIFA Board Chair and director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "They are completing the work well ahead of schedule."

Upgrades to both the Mulberry and Island wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF) are included. Treatment capacity at Mulberry will increase from 1.1 million gallons per day (MGD) to 2.2 MGD.

The financial assistance is the second WIFA sewer loan for the city. In July 2002 WIFA approved the first loan of \$22,780,000 for planning, design and construction start-up in the Jamaica/Daytona, Kiowa and North Palo Verde West areas.

